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**PAINTED BARRELS AROUND PURCELLVILLE – “THE BIG UNVEILING”**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. May 25, 2016** – “Painted Barrels around Purcellville,” a Community Art Project coordinated by the Purcellville Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), will unveil over 30 oak barrels painted by local artists. Each artist volunteered his or her time and talent and was asked to paint a Purcellville or Western Loudoun County theme on a barrel. “Man, did they get creative!” said Michael Oaks, project coordinator and EDAC member. “What a wide range of artist that contributed, from two eleven-year-old students, Participants from VSA Arts of Loudoun County, and some the area’s top professional artists.”

“The Big Unveiling” will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2016, from 9am to 1pm at the Purcellville Farmers Market at the Shoppes at Maple and Main.

After “The Big Unveiling,” the barrels will be placed at local businesses that have made a contribution to sponsor a barrel. The businesses will display them until early fall. On November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Bush Tabernacle here in Purcellville, the barrels will be auctioned off one-by-one to the highest bidder. It will be a special night, and more details will be released in the summer. All money raised at the auction will go towards next year’s community art project. “What we’re doing is creating self-supporting community art projects for years to come,” says Oaks. For more info contact Michael Oaks 540-751-0707.

**The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

Purcellville is an award-winning town of nearly 8,500 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 40 miles west of Washington, DC. It has been honored for its green initiatives, most recently with the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities. The Town has an elected Mayor and six Town Council members. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, Purcellville has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, entertainment, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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